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The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Letter of Support for TESA IV-SEPSA-TESA network: Capacity-building for strengthening Epidemic Preparedness for trials of excellence in Southern Africa

Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL), through its organic unit Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (IHMT) is proud to join the TESA consortium, led by Fundação Manhiça, in its application for **HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-03-NETWORKS-01-two-stage**.

UNL brings its expertise in conducting molecular epidemiology, sequencing, AI-driven analytics, and in experience in developing digital tools like HAITool for infection control and antibiotic stewardship, with specific contributions in work focused on technology development and innovation.

Beyond the requested contribution as beneficiaries in the proposal, we estimate an additional commitment from own resources of EUR 307,159, corresponding to an in-kind contributions related to personnel allocated to the project, equipment usage, administrative costs for short-term courses and article processing fees.

We fully endorse this proposal and look forward to playing a key role in its implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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